

**STATUS ON KEY TIMESCALES: Development of a new Special Post-16 Institution (Transitional Learning Centre) in the Royal Borough of Greenwich**

**UPDATE: 9/1/2026**

Stages	Date(s)	Action	Status
<b>I. Market Engagement Phase:</b>			
<b>A</b> Information Brief (this document) available for prospective providers.	November 2025	Published on the <a href="#">commonplace website</a> .	Completed
<b>B</b> Introductory webinar for eligible providers.	1 December 2025 from 2.30pm	A 1–2-hours session with presentations on various aspects of the TLC provision including an opportunity for Q&As. Eligible providers can <a href="#">register here to attend the webinar</a> .	Completed
<b>C</b> Eligible providers feedback & expressions of interest (EOI) survey starts and ends (deadline).	1 to 10 December 2025	Eligible providers are invited to <a href="#">complete the provider feedback &amp; EOI survey here</a> .	Completed
<b>D</b> Review of provider feedback during the market engagement phase.	January 2026	Feedback reviewed on viability and adjustments considered to the final specification before the competition phase commences.	In progress
<b>E NEW: Building design webinar for eligible providers</b>	15 January 2026 from 2pm.	A 1–2 hours session held by Council representatives and the appointed design team on the latest building design. Eligible providers will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the latest building design and can <a href="#">register here to attend the design webinar</a> .	Scheduled

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<b>2. Provider Competition Phase (ASSESSED):</b>		<i>Dates for the competition phase to be confirmed and announced during Jan/Feb 2026.</i>	Dates TBC
<b>A</b> Application opens (six-week period).	End of February 2026	Guidance document published with acceptance criteria, specification and application form template.	Dates TBC
<b>B</b> Application submission deadline for eligible providers.	April 2026	Provider applications submitted to <a href="mailto:school-place-planning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk">school-place-planning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk</a> (time stamped).	Dates TBC
<b>C</b> Interview and assessment of provider submissions.	May 2026	The assessment panel will interview and assess applications using the published acceptance criteria.	Dates TBC
3	Provider applicants notified of the outcome from the competition phase.	By June 2026	Successful and non-successful applicants are notified.
4.	The Council democratically appoints the successful provider	By July 2026	Democratic approval is sought to appoint the successful provider (SPI) and grant the necessary legal agreements.
5.	Pre-Opening /Mobilisation Phase.	From July 2026 to August 2027	The Council must submit the high needs place change notification to the DfE before December 2026 regarding the new SPI and for the DfE to initiate their due diligence process. Please check the full details of the <a href="#">DfE's due diligence process, requirements, stages and timelines</a> for establishing a new SPI which will likely need to be completed

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			<p>by March 2027 for 2027-28 academic year.</p> <p>The appointed SPI provider is also expected to receive a pre-opening phase grant by the Council to support them with the set-up of the new provision prior to the opening date.</p>	
6.	The TLC provision opens.	From September 2027	Admission of first cohort(s) of young people.	

Prospective providers are asked to continue to check for the latest updates on the TLC website: <https://greenwich-transitional-learning-centre.commonplace.is/>